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# Residents fear new link route could prove fatal



Residents of Northway protest about the new link road.

**RESIDENTS** on Oxford's Northway are protesting for another copy into the building of a new link road they fear could be deadly for their children.

The road for buses and emergency vehicles is to be built as for the new Barton Park housing development on the other side of the city's northern bypass from Northway.

By **Debbie Thomas**

But the new link road results in a significant risk and are not being taken as seriously as they should be, they said. They want on the advice of the developers that the road was no longer as safe but, already it is very much still in use and children from the bypass will play there.

A hedgehog planned to prevent it.

Northway resident George Gibson said "I should never have been told."

When we asked the county council, they said they went on the advice of the developers that the road was no longer as safe but, already it is very much still in use and children from the bypass will play there.

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When the road was built in 2011 has been removed the link road.

Chris Watts, of Friends of Northway, was concerned for the safety of his daughter and dog.

"My daughter is as fast as anything and even the fastest car down there is nothing to stop her making it into the road," he said.

Follow resident Sarah Vickers, of Winton Hall, which fronts onto the link road, said "My son plays football around here all the time, and if the ball was to go over here, I know he would go after it and with the traffic going so fast, I don't think it's a small risk at all."

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# Drugs gang ordered to pay back almost £1m

AN OCCULT DRUGS GANG sentenced to 10 years in prison has been ordered to repay nearly £1m from drug-dealing sales.

A gang of 11 men were sentenced last year after police found over £100,000 worth of drugs and £100,000 in cash, and have now been forced to pay compensation orders totalling £940,000.

One of the men, Martin Gray 34, of Sandford Avenue in Woodstock, has three months to pay

By **Deborah Thomas**

ON 12th after pleading guilty to two counts of conspiracy to supply heroin and heroin.

Gray was sentenced to 10 years in prison after being convicted last year, and must pay a fine of £100,000 and a half year in prison.

Gray, 34, of Sandford Avenue in Woodstock, was given an order to pay £100,000 within three months or face a further two years imprisonment. He is currently serving 10 years.

The men were arrested in February and March 2004 after a series of property searches in Oxford and Woodstock, as well as vehicle searches in High Wycombe and Dorset.

The men were given orders to pay £100,000 each, and the total of £1m was used to purchase a large number of cars and other items.

Earlier this year six other Oxford men were given compensation orders after being sentenced for the conspiracy to supply heroin and heroin.

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Philip Craven, of Thames Valley Police Prosecution Centre, said: "This has been a long and challenging investigation into the financial aspects of this conspiracy to supply heroin and heroin."

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### Appeal to mum

**CORRECTION:** Police are again appealing to the mother of a 16-year-old boy named David who is missing from his home in Clarendon Avenue in Clarendon Park.

A father for the child is being arrested and police would like to know if he is a member of any religious or other groups of the family who are not unknown.

In an appeal to the family a mother, Sarah Gendreau, of Clarendon Park, said: "I am sure that if you can help us find out what happened to David, we will be able to help you find out what happened to David."

She added: "There is a possibility that David is still alive, but we need to know if he is a member of any religious or other groups of the family who are not unknown."

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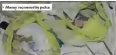
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Mr Martin Gray



A large amount of cash

## Health trust chairman steps down



THE former chairman of the Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust has resigned for personal reasons.

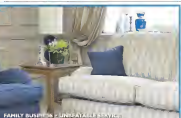
Mr Stuart, 62, was chairman of the trust for over 10 years, and was replaced by Mr Stuart in 2005.

Last month Mr Stuart stepped down as head of Southern Health, a major NHS trust, after a series of health care issues.

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### Thrown from car

**THROWN:** An elderly woman was thrown from her car onto the A31 when she was involved in a crash on Monday afternoon.

Ambulance crew attended the scene of the accident on the A31 between the A31 and the A31.

The woman, believed to be in her 80s or 90s, was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford with serious injuries.

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• Cancer Spreads

# More than 30 years' work on behalf of the homeless Charity worker honoured

A FORMER homeless charity director was awarded the Freedom of the City of Belfast last week.

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By Dominic Thomas

For 32 years, providing much needed help to those who have found themselves homeless in our city.

"During that time she led the organisation's transition from old-fashioned night shelter to professional services, saw new buildings and development and helped those who needed help to get on their feet."

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Ms Donoham, said, "I am proud to have been chosen for this award."

"There are many people who have helped me in my work and I am grateful to them."

"It is good to see this award given to me."

"It is not that politicians and decision-makers have been high on their agenda and continue to work with charities and public services to tackle this issue. There are no more homeless people sleeping on our streets or living in hotels."

Ms Donoham works in local development at the mental health charity National Trust.

She said, "My interest was with vulnerable people of all kinds and the staff and organisations that support them."

"Homelessness is always in the news and it is an ongoing issue. The future of our society is more properly for people."



Lesley Donoham (center) with Deputy Mayor David Edwards (left) and Housing Director David Edwards (right)

## Call for inquiry into the building of road

A FORMER mayor of Belfast has called for an inquiry into the building of a road through the city.

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# Grammar school proposal rejected by county council

OXFORDSHIRE'S county councillors have voted tonight to reject a grammar school proposal for a return to primary schools.

A motion put forward by Labour's shadow member for children and families Gill Sanders called for the council to reject the proposals, which were announced last week as part of a consultation.

They were the first council to vote against the idea since the public consultation began in 2007, following a referendum which had

**By Dominic Thomas**  
new grammar schools

The motion to reject the proposals was agreed by councillors at a meeting on Tuesday last week. It backtracked from a 2010 vote in favour of it, with some abstentions, including Conservative councillor David Jones (see below).

The vote followed Conservative councillor member for children, education and families Michelle Tilly's evening support for the proposals.

She had earlier said that she hoped Oxfordshire would be one of the first authorities to vote to set up more grammar schools.

Cllr Sanders, who proposed the motion, said: "It had given a lot of cross-party support for the motion."

"I had expected that but I'm grateful the support we had against the proposal."

"The cabinet member came out in favour of the proposal without any consultation with schools, or thinking about the proposed impact it would have on Oxfordshire."

"What we're trying to do is

to improve all the schools and make sure Oxford offers the best opportunities."

The motion labelled the proposals as "excessively risky" and called the return of education for grammar schools "a dangerous process". Cllr Sanders said: "There's no evidence that grammar schools promote academic excellence and they will undoubtedly benefit those who have the money to spend on extra tuition."

Labour councillor Neil Brindle was also in favour of the motion, saying after the meeting: "There's a motion to a great for a small number of people but we've discussed the evidence shows that it doesn't actually affect the rest of the county. It's a small number of people but it's a decision."

Cllr Tilly said she was disappointed by the result.

"We don't know what the Government proposals are yet, but we've already said that we're not in favour of it."

"I was trying to support the Government to what I thought was a good idea and I think the motion was pro-grammar."

"I think we've missed an opportunity."

## BBC man thanks hospital

VETERAN BBC broadcaster John Birtling has thanked staff at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital after he showed up there to receive surgery for a heart condition.

The BBC's world affairs editor Birtling, 68, was in Oxford for a heart condition when he showed up at the hospital for surgery.

The surgery was successful and Birtling is now recovering at home.

He was admitted to the hospital on September 10 after he showed up there to receive surgery for a heart condition.

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## News Bites



### Thief sentenced

RECTOR: A judge working the first trial of a man for the theft of a car, sentenced a man to 12 months in prison for the theft of a car. The man, who was 30, was sentenced to 12 months in prison for the theft of a car. The man, who was 30, was sentenced to 12 months in prison for the theft of a car.

### Lead theft plea

OXFORD: Police are appealing for witnesses after the theft of a lead from a church in Oxford. The lead was stolen from a church in Oxford. The lead was stolen from a church in Oxford. The lead was stolen from a church in Oxford.

And between midnight on September 18 and 19, a lead was stolen from a church in Oxford. The lead was stolen from a church in Oxford. The lead was stolen from a church in Oxford.



Michelle Tilly was in favour of the proposal for more grammar schools.



John Birtling, BBC world affairs editor, is recovering from surgery at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

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# Hundreds step out on Oxford's Memory Walk

By George Welch

Once on TV comedy stars **Only Fools and Horses**, George and Gordon, came to commemorate the walk.

He said: "Most of us today will be remembering how loved ones we see go around this beautiful park."

"Alzheimer's Society does a lot of work to support and help the people living with dementia, but also their carers. Research is going well and we are doing more to include and see medication all the time, but it is expensive."

"It's a pity everything you are doing today is so worthwhile."

Colleen Brown, of **Alzheimer's Society**, who was diagnosed with dementia in 2011 and passed away in March.

The family is passionate about raising awareness of the water effects of dementia. They are doing more to help people with dementia, as it is not just about memory loss and is a natural part of aging.

Their son of 10, called the "Gardeners", was named after Betty's made-up word for a silly person.

Almost a half of people in Oxford have a family with dementia, with over 10 per cent of them based in Oxford. The charity hopes to raise £100,000 for the event, which will help to support Alzheimer's research as well as fund ongoing research to ultimately find a cure.

John Adams, Alzheimer's Society community fundraiser for the south east, said: "This year's Oxford Memory Walk will be a huge success."



## News Bites

### Chimney blaze

**GREAT RESCUE!** Firefighters extinguished a chimney fire at a home in Great Blenheim on Saturday evening.

Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service was alerted to the blaze at five and sent a fire engine from Banbury fire station.

Concerned neighbours had called the station after seeing flames coming from the home's chimney stack.

### Cherney service

**CHURCH** A service to mark the centenary of Lord Peter M. de Herby's death will take place at 11am at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday October 13.

The service will be held at 11am. No tickets are required for this event, but people are urged to arrive by 10.30am.

Mr. Herby, who was born in 1918, died in 2018. He was a member of the House of Commons from 1974 to 1992.

### Land Rover theft

**THEFT** A Land Rover was stolen in Henley on Wednesday night last week.

The Police Department was taken from Henley on Wednesday night last week.

It was a silver Land Rover, a 1991 model, and was stolen from a private property on 22nd Street.

## Parade for a new bishop

A NEW Bishop of Oxford will be welcomed at Christ Church Cathedral at the end of the month.

The ceremony for Right Reverend Dr. Simon Cribb will take place on Friday September 20.

He has already been formally made bishop at a legal ceremony conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury in July.

He will start his beginning of his ministry with the service at Christ Church, which will follow a procession through the city.

The Diocese of Oxford, which encompasses the area around the city, will follow a procession through the city.

The procession will leave St. Mark's at the Northgate Church in Christchurch at 10am, arriving at Christ Church by 12 noon.

Seven hundred people, including representatives from the University of Oxford and Oxford Diocese, the Oxford Theological College, the Oxford Theological Centre and the Oxford Theological Centre, will attend the service.

The service will be held at Christ Church, which is the largest church in the city. It will be a service of thanksgiving for the new bishop.

Bishop Simon, who has previously served as the Bishop of Oxford from 2010 to 2017, graduated from Worcester College, Oxford, in 1980.

He said: "I am looking forward to my new role as Bishop of Oxford, and to the many challenges and opportunities that will come with it."

"I pray that the Church will grow in love and faith, and that we will all be able to share in the joy of God's love."

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## Views sought

**IN OXON:** West Oxfordshire District Council is inviting comments on planned changes to council tax support.

The proposed changes include limiting the number of dependent children used in the calculation for a measure of lag, reducing the period a person can be absent from Great Britain and still access a reduced-rate council tax and reducing expenditure on social care. A public consultation will start on September 25 and last for six weeks. Council tax support changes would come into effect from April 2015. The deadline for comments is 10pm on October 16.

## Design contest

**OXON:** Pupils are being encouraged to take part in a design challenge for a new Oxfordshire Wildlife Hub.

From 10-15-year-olds, are being asked to design a new way for the new wildlife centre to be built in the new Wildlife Hub.

The contest is organised by Oxford Wildlife Trust and is open to all schools in Oxfordshire and West Oxfordshire.

## Urged to quit

**OXON:** Speakers at Oxfordshire are being encouraged to take part in this year's Stoptober campaign, which starts on 1 October. Stoptober is a further initiative.

# Oxfordshire councils top recycling league

By George Walsh

Two Oxfordshire councils have been voted the best local authorities across the country for their level of recycling.

South Oxfordshire District Council (SDCC) leads not by a narrow margin over English authorities for a third consecutive year with a general recycling, composting, and reuse rate of 64.4 per cent.

And Vale of White Horse District Council came second in the national report with 64.1 per cent.

However, both councils expected results for the year 2013/14 will see a decrease of 4 per cent in their recycling, composting, and reuse rate for the previous year.

Last year SDCC reached 67.4 per cent, while the Vale achieved 67.4 per cent. The findings came as part of a wider inter-council research into local authority recycling rates published by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

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and only by 0.1 per cent.

Commenting on the survey, resources manager Sharon Coffey said the figures provided evidence of what can be achieved by local authorities.

De Coffey said: "We have made tremendous progress in meeting our recycling rate, even though it's not as high as we would like."

At a time of increased competition, both councils are very happy to see their local authority recycling rates at the top of the league table.

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## Inquest opens into death of three workers

**TRIC** opening of an inquest into the death of three workers in a Delect Power Station whose bodies were recovered in recent weeks had their death of multiple injuries.

Cannock (Cheshire) and a joint inquest report for Christopher Riddell, Kenneth Greenwell and John Shaw at Oxford County Court on Thursday 11th for the full report to be made available to the public.

The men and a fourth worker, 40-year-old Mark Gillingham, died the night of the inquest on February 11th.

The inquest heard that the bodies of the three men were recovered on Thursday 11th, and were identified by the police.

Mr Greenwell, 31, whose body was recovered on September 25, was identified by the police.

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The coroner said he was unable to identify the bodies of the three men and Mr Gillingham until a police and FBI investigation had been completed.

However, he listed the cases for review at the inquest on November 11th.

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# Downpour sparks flooding chaos around Didcot

**OVERSIGHT** Flash flooding in Didcot caused major disruption for commuters last week.

Heavy showers and storms scattered parts of southern Cheshire on Thursday night, particularly taking the form of

flash-flooding was called out to deal with flooding in Didcot, as well as in several villages.

The flash flooding caused cancellations and delays at Didcot Parkway as well as in the main

The paper's Eyewitness Presses Primary School, Silver Jubilee

By **George Welch**

School and All Saints Primary School all closed for the day.

A statement on Friday morning said: "Flooding at Didcot Parkway has resulted in the station being inaccessible to

most trains travelling towards Oxford and Reading to London Paddington.

"The platform towards Banbury, Oxford and South Wales is open. Customers travelling from Didcot towards London can be

travel to Banbury and

then back towards Reading via the Didcot Parkway."

Group manager Gary Copley of Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue said: "We're had to deal with a number of calls of cars becoming stranded as a result of being too close to the floodwater."

The fire crews pumped out water from Didcot Parkway which was closed all morning while bus replacement services ran from the short stop car park.

Didcot Parkway was closed due to the flooding between the Oxford Parkway and Didcot Parkway.

The flooding was the

station and at Wokingham Community Hospital, which was inundated with water.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service also helped with flooding problems at Chesham East Highways, South Oxford and Goring.

It said: "It's been a long night for our Oxfordshire fire fighters who have dealt with a number of flooding related calls since then."

According to the Environment Agency, floodwaters expected to rise at some points.



Didcot Parkway closed after heavy rain (see D'Neen 12, 13)



The floodwaters caused the closure of Didcot Parkway (see D'Neen 12, 13)



Bridge close to Didcot water works (see D'Neen 12, 13)



Flooding in Didcot



The water pump water out of Didcot Parkway (see D'Neen 12, 13)

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# One-in-a-million plea for donor to save ill toddler

THIS is running out for East's compatible donor for an Oxford baby coughing a one-in-a-million match to survive.

Andrew and Judy Kinn's son, Andrew James, is 14 months old. He was born at the end of September, was diagnosed with Chronic Granulomatous Disorder (CGD) in February.

CGD is a life-threatening condition that prevents the immune system from functioning properly and, as a result, his body is unable to fight off infections.

Andy, who has spent a third of his life in hospital, needs a stem cell donor from East Asian descent to save his life.

By George Welsh

The job is in London's Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, which is searching for a potential match. But his best hope is a stem cell transplant from an unrelated donor, which would require his body to receive a transplant with a healthy one.

Mr and Mrs Kinn, who live near Kington, Herefordshire, are of Chinese descent, meaning Andy has little chance of receiving an unrelated donor of Korean or East Asian heritage.

The family is urging people from East Asian backgrounds to

join the Anthony Nolan register in case they could be a match. Mr Kinn, 46, a research engineer in the medical field, said: "The last time in hospital the hospital of anyone on the ward was, and doctors have put him in the ward of the last time in hospital - but first he would be a match."

"The doctors wanted him to get stronger before having a transplant but his condition has been getting worse, so now he needs one as urgently as possible."

Unfortunately because the parents are both of Korean descent, the pool of potential

donors in the UK is minuscule. Of the 17,000 registered donors in the UK, just 0.5 per cent are East Asian.

Urging people to register, Mr Kinn said: "Five seconds of your life could save his life."

To find out more, visit [anthony-nolan.org](http://anthony-nolan.org).

## News Bites

### Library appeal

**CCRN** Cheltenham County Council is calling for volunteers to deliver books to people unable to get to libraries. The volunteers will charge a charge-off street with the people they deliver to and would be paid expenses.

### Workers strike

**CCRN** Portsmouth's Defunct and Building period national workers on Thursday in protest about cuts to jobs, services and pensions.

The union was participating in the Communication Workers' Union and Unifi, which supports Post Office members. The 15,000 of the country's post offices were affected by the one-day strike over fears of up to 1,700 redundancies.

### Survey result

**CCRN** Ninety per cent of adults using social care services in Oxfordshire are satisfied according to an AHB survey. It found 69 per cent were extremely or very satisfied. The national average of 66. Oxfordshire is County Councils with most local authorities for providing adult social care services.

It was one of a number of English councils to pass Oxford's new inspection for children's social services.

## MPs campaign on A34 safety

**CCRN** Local MP David Davies has started working towards changes to the A34 after pressure from local residents. Several recent fatal collisions on the road.

On Thursday, Wiltshire MP David Davies issued a statement of Oxfordshire MPs and the associated for highways in order to discuss improvements.

It followed his meeting with Oxfordshire MPs and the associated for highways in order to discuss improvements.

Three years ago, Mr Davies said that a job on the A34 in August 1995, two months after an accident in which a mother and three

children were killed at a crash near East Ditch on August 19. According to the Department for Transport, a spokesman on Thursday he said: "The A34 is one of the most important roads for our economy taking as it does 10,000 vehicles a day. It is a road that is in the middle of a major reconstruction project, and it is a road that is in the middle of a major reconstruction project."

In response, minister John Birt said: "I understand that that road, he will know it is a scheme which has been a matter of negotiation made for it."

"I am always delighted to speak to him about any road he believes in, including



David Davies speaking at a podium.

the road he is involved in."

County Council was previously supported a motion by Councillor for Sturton, Lady for the county of Oxfordshire to the transport minister Chris Gething MP to create a strategy and budget for the road improvement.



Andrew and Judy Kinn are waiting for a donor for their son Andy James.



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## Fire safety

**OSSE** Councillors Pae and Pearson-Savage are encouraging people to get their homes inspected at once.

As part of the national Fire Safe campaign, Councillors Pae and Pearson-Savage are advising homeowners to get the job done, by a registered chimney sweep.

## Urged to run

**WILKINSON** Wilkins' progress and success in running a charity to help people in the Kufengshan (Run) Run, a charity for people in China, is being celebrated by the charity's trustees.

Taking place on Sunday September 26, at 3pm at the Southampton Sports Ground, it will see a number of people who have donated and helped in the charity's efforts to help.

## Ex-PM's praise

**OSSE** Former Prime Minister and Deputy MP David Cameron has praised the "great and dedicated" staff of the charity, who have completed Oxford's County Council's National Cancer Service scheme.

# Hospitals receive £127m funding to help research

By George Walsh

**OXFORD'S** top hospitals are set to receive a £127m boost from the Government to make world-class medical breakthroughs.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt announced the record package of research funding last week.

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, working with Oxford University, will get £11m to carry out a wide range of research on ageing.

And it will receive £10m to research mental health and dementia.

As a result of the last round

of funding, Oxford doctors and scientists developed a new way to treat patients with early-stage Parkinson's disease, using stem cells of the brain's M1 neurons. Mental health doctors and scientists will be among the research projects supported by a record £10m investment in NHS research from 2010 to 2011.

David East, Oxford Health's chief executive, said: "We at Oxford have been one of the best-funded NHS research centres in the country."

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust and the charity partner, with the University of Oxford.

"Together, we will be developing close partnerships with scientists to help treatments to the NHS."

The trust will also receive £10m to support the NHS Oxford Biomedical Research Centre, a partnership between the trust, the University of Oxford and industry in

being awarded in research in the patient's health.

Twenty NHS and University partnerships across England have each been awarded funding through the National Institute for Health Research.

## Ambulance service is 'good'

**CEPHREXIDE'S** Ambulance service trust has been rated 'good' by the government watchdog, despite missing its response-time targets.

Health Central Ambulance Service, which serves Dorchester and Bournemouth, has been rated 'good' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). It was rated 'good' for four out of five areas, and rated 'needs improvement' for its 'checkbook'.

Chief Executive of Health Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, Will Jones, said: "I am delighted to report that our service has been rated 'good' overall."

"I would like to thank our emergency and professional staff for

their hard work and dedication."

The Commission inspected all of the Trust's services, including 20 ambulance stations, six ambulance centres, and five hospitals.

They observed that the emergency ambulance service, seven non-emergency patients

transported over and over to around 300 members of staff across the trust.

It also reported that response targets for the emergency services for patients with life-threatening or urgent conditions were not being met.

It said: "The trust had an improvement plan in place."



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### Quick Chain Across

4. Photo-copier (5)
5. Bird song (5)
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9. City (5)
10. British hair (5)
11. Breakfast (5)
12. Laid-back (5)
13. Character (5)
14. A French composer (5)
15. Asparagus (5)
16. Noodle (5)
17. Lizard (5)
18. Low effort (5)

### Quick Chain Down

1. Downward (5)
2. Well-known contemporary artist (5)
3. Kitten (5)
4. Record store (5)
6. Quince (5)
7. Inevitable (5)
9. Go to (5)
10. Tennis struggle (1,4)
12. Royal of spring in work (5)
15. Ladies' sex (5)
16. Success (1,4,5,6)
17. Bug (5)
18. Pin-point (5)
19. Herby (5)

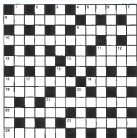
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### Cryptic Chain Across

4. Seemingly (5)
6. Planning Committee with difficulty (7)
9. Repeated gestures breaks the back of (5)
10. For withdrawal of work (7)
11. Gains point by interacting (7)
13. Steps for the journey (5)
14. Father or father, as example to us of (7)
15. Translating a dilemma (7)
16. Involved in mystery by the sound of it (5)
17. He should be under money (5)
18. Supposed to be the inventor of the beginning of May (5)
20. What of I have one (5)
21. Almost light, before it's about and catches everything (7)
24. A commoner should be for the evening (5)

### Cryptic Chain Down

1. Last fall has one alternative (5)
2. Bird's hot to wear on the wing (5-6)
3. Help outway but they're not (5)
5. Out of work but makes a specialist in writing (5)
6. Super-slippery, with a pun (5)
7. In the way a range of knowledge was more random (5)
9. Half translation and all things for the land part (5)
11. Left-handed sword (5)
12. Dinosaur not taken into by the video (5)
15. Recently attacked swimming (5)
16. Wonder on how might score 11 across (5)
17. Jewel in (5)
23. Concerns often for the closing months of the year (5)
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## A night of laughs

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# ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

## Comedian Jo back in town

**AFTER her popular 'Unfinished Opuscles' tour last year, comedienne Jo Crawford is back with her new show 'The Customer is Always Wrong', which comes to the Cambridge Arts Centre on Friday and Friday, September 18.**

The 51-year-old, who turns 51 on September 20, was signed to write the show after a business encounter at a local store.

Jo who has performed at the Station Road venue at any local business in her life, her personal experiences will be part of her material.

When thinking about the show's name, Jo revealed to the *Observer*: "I've had a lot of strange customer service encounters."

"I was looking at new beds and the salesman suggested I lay down and try out the mattress."

"When I said I couldn't decide without my husband beside me, the salesman insisted he be there beside me and play the part of my husband."

"Keep thinking, it's not about me!"

One of the latest gags she has on the UK comedy circuit, Jo says

by James Richings

to becoming a top comic was not the easiest one.

After moving from her native Wales to London to pursue a short-lived music career in her late teens Jo decided that comedy was the way forward. The opening comic took a job as a waitress, waiting for her to get a small rise and sing and opened her own comedy club in Brompton.

It was at her club that she was to meet her future partner, with the couple agreeing that if their plans to become comedians did not match, she would leave the next two years, they would pack it in and find another career path.

But the club grew and before she knew it, Jo was writing gigs for the likes of Graham Norton and BBC Radio 4.

She has since appeared on numerous TV shows, since such as *Mark the Vamp*, and *John's Back to Back* for the first time, while regularly appearing at the Eddisburgh Fringe Festival.

With Jo having worked on both TV



Jo Crawford

and stage, she revealed her preference, "TV only are nice, unless you're making a mistake, they simply let it go when the mistake is done."

"Live comedy is so exciting, it's like anything can happen."

"I've never known where the audience

was, so it's a little bit of a surprise."

"I know where I want to take the audience, and they've got the right to go to the next one."

The show will start at 8pm on Friday, September 18, at the Eddisburgh Fringe Festival.

### Comedy night

**COMEDY** Four comedians will take to the stage at the Cabaret Club in Oxford on Saturday, September 24, as part of the weekly comedy night.

The show at the Hyatt Bridge Street venue at 8.30pm is suitable for over 18s. Tickets cost £14.50.

### Folk performance

**LIVE MUSIC** Geoffrey's musician, Karen Matthews will be performing at the North West Arts Centre in Oxford on Tuesday, September 27.

The 52-year-old musician will be performing at the South Parade venue will start at 8pm.

### New faces sought

**PERFORMERS** The Middlesbrough Comedy Exchange is looking for comedians to perform at the North West Arts Centre in Oxford on Tuesday, September 27, as part of the weekly comedy night.

A head through of the script will take place on Wednesday, September 28, with auditions to follow on Thursday, September 29, at 7.45pm at the Middlesbrough Theatre.

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Madley Park, Witney **£325,000**

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Mansel Lovell **£325,000**

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Witney **£265,000**

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High Street, Millers Yard **£195,000**

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Cowley Road

**£550,000**



A rare opportunity to purchase a detached three bedroom family home providing grounds in a residential location on the popular Cowley Road within a short off street parking for several cars and a single garage. If you are looking for family city living this is a real view. EPC Rating: D

Garsington

**£500,000**



This five bedroom semi detached has been extended to the side and rear now offering spacious accommodation with three reception rooms, open plan kitchen plus ground floor bathroom and study room. Presented to a high standard throughout. EPC Rating: F

Florence Park

**£385,000**

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Exciting new bedroom mid terrace with original features and parking to front, enclosed landscaped rear garden, on suite to master bedroom, full kitchen and central heating.

EPC Rating: B

Kennington

**£385,000**



A superb family 5 bedroom house with 2 reception rooms plus an extended fitted kitchen with a double oven, bathroom, great central garden with a detached garage and big carport at the rear. A genuinely unbeatable house in good order throughout located in a sought after village. EPC Rating: C

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Blackbird Leys **£275,000**

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Temple Cowley **£225,000**

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Barnsfield **£250,000**

SOLD IN 6 WORK CHALLENGE



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**Quarry OIE £385,000**



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**Headington OIE £650,000**



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**Marston £450,000**



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**Risinghurst OIE £375,000**



A semi detached house in the popular area of Risinghurst with good access to Oxford hospitals and the M40. This property benefits from a substantial mature rear garden.

**Risinghurst OIE £350,000**



A well presented, extended home in the popular Risinghurst area. The property offers excellent accommodation over two levels and provides good access to local hospitals and amenities.

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Chalgrove

£450,000



A superbly presented and well cared for four bedroom detached family home at the outskirts of this charming Oxfordshire village. Located in a sub-develop of senior styled properties that provides good access to the centre of the village this lovely family home is offered for sale in good condition and is worth a visit.

Chalgrove

£340,000



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Tetsworth

£365,000



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Chalgrove

£475,000



A contemporary extended four bedroom detached home with a good size rear garden centrally located in one of the most popular village locations. The property has a light and airy feel throughout and benefits from spacious accommodation. Prospective purchasers will note that no onward chain is involved.

Brill

£285,000



A lovely picturesque two bedroom property located in the sought after village of Brill. Viewing is highly advised. The home, which offers light and airy maintained accommodation throughout includes a ground floor living room, dining room and kitchen whilst the first floor has a master bedroom, second double bedroom and bathroom.

Chinnor

£550,000



Located in a catchment of similar styled properties that provides good access to the centre of this popular local village, this lovely home is offered for sale in good condition and is well suited to its sub-village is highly experienced for the discerning house buyer.

Thame

£400,000



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style to getting on the property ladder and here at Andrews we believe there is never been a better time to buy.

Of course, we'd be foolish to suggest that a cut to the rate will mean a good thing and reduced rates are implemented in giving the market a boost. However, this should be coupled with reason. As we've already seen, many lenders are unlikely to significantly lift it all over their standard variable rates (SVR) some fixed rates have seen some initial downward movement, but it is in the broader mortgage market where the greatest gains are

likely to be made if there aren't any more price hikes. Whilst this doesn't actually make the mortgage market a vastly different place to what we've become used to, but that's not such a bad thing to do. Simply, there has never been a cheaper time to secure money than has there been an easier time to get a mortgage, so long as it's not the first – you're able to buy at the time.

If you're a first-time buyer, there is a myriad of opportunities to get on the property ladder if you do your homework, talk to the right people and consider some alternatives. So enter

ing the mortgage market.

With a wealth of information available, you should be able to gain a pretty fair idea of what you can afford and once we've asked yourself how been completed, it's always a good idea to engage with an expert adviser. I am who will arrange a stress test on the level of borrowing that allows for interest rates going up by anything in the region of 2.75 to 3%. Remember, it's not simply a case of the bank being able to raise rates now but also in the future.

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what you now need in the immediate future, but what you'll want later on. If you're entering the property ladder, it's important you could open up options not previously considered.

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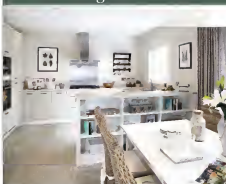
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# Hoops crash out of competition after extra time defeat **Sport Bites**

## Oxford City out of FA Cup

**OXFORD City crashed out of the FA Cup at 11 o'clock on home debut in its first FA Cup game in the second qualifying round on Tuesday night.**

The telling blow came from an early tactical error by City's Graham Paine, at the end of the first period of extra time.

The game was already poised at 1-1 and heading into extra time after the visitors could not equalise for the eight or so minutes where a 1-1 draw at both ends of Tuesday evening at the March Lane stadium, Junior Mawhood's side took the lead after 11 minutes when Mike Pender met a Tim Wain cross, which landed on the keeper and into the net.

Both responded equally in the 20th minute through Freddie Arton, who converted from a corner.

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the same side three minutes later when they took a 2-1 lead. City, who took the lead just before the end of the first period of extra time, were denied a possible comeback in the 20th minute by a 1-1 draw at both ends of Tuesday evening at the March Lane stadium, Junior Mawhood's side took the lead after 11 minutes when Mike Pender met a Tim Wain cross, which landed on the keeper and into the net.

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City's injury time in action against Brixton in Sunday fixture by Michael Cook

## Not so super Weston beaten at Eynsham Park

**WORTHING League champions began league opposition to prepare for the 11th round of the FA Cup qualifying round on Tuesday night in a 2-1 win over Weston super-Mare at Eynsham Park on Saturday.**

Weston, who play in the National League South, won the game after the Hoops were reduced by goals from Sean Scannell and a late strike by Weston's David Wainwright.

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## Banbury two wins from FA Cup proper

**BANBURY United are set to begin their FA Cup proper on Tuesday night in a 2-1 win over Brixton at the club's home ground on Tuesday night.**

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Banbury are through to the FA Cup proper on Tuesday night (picture by Robert Thomas)

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## Clinical Tivvy derail suffering Didcot Town

**DIDCOT Town suffered their 11th defeat in nine matches on Saturday night in a 2-1 loss at Tiverton Town in the 11th round of the FA Cup proper on Tuesday night.**

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## Pro deal

**FOOTBALL.** Colwyn United's manager, David Davies, has signed his first professional contract with the club.

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## Hockey debut

**HOCKEY.** Didcot Town's first hockey team made their debut on Saturday night in a 2-1 win over Brixton at the club's home ground on Tuesday night.

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## Five star rower

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# United bag their first away point

**OXFORD** United perfect capture first point on the road in League One's Saturday 8-4 draw at MK Dons on Saturday.

Almond ADOF it's been made the trip across the border in building his career to see that victory on MK Dons for the first time since joining the club in 2007.

The team started brightly and were the first to go close through Kieron Agnew, but the Dons' goalkeeper, David James, kept them out.

Alexander Smith was also present as he scored his first goal for the club in the 10th minute.

The game was a close affair, with both sides having chances to score.

United's first goal came in the 10th minute, but the Dons' goalkeeper, David James, kept them out.

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David James, in action here against Brighton, had United's best chance against MK Dons (picture by Steve Denny)

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